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- 1. JASJIT SINGH WILL NOT ATTEND THE UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS SESSION AT GENEVA NEXT MONTH. INDIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY M.G. ABROL, WHO IS SINGH'S REPLACEMENT. ABROL TOLD ECON COUNSELOR HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO STAY FOR ENTIRE SESSION BUT THAT HIS DEPUTY, B.B. GUJRAL, WILL ACCOMPANY HIM AND WILL BE ABLE TO SPEAK FOR THE GOI IN HIS ABSENCE.
- 2. ALTHOUGH ABROL CANNOT COMMIT GOI TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF SHAHANDEH AS COMMISSION RAPPORTEUR AT THIS TIME, THEY WILL GIVE OUR REQUEST FOR SUPPORT EVERY CONSIDERATION.

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3. ABROL WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH USDEL AT THE MEETING. HE VIOICED APPRECIATION FOR THE CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US AND INDIA IN NARCOTICS MATTERS AND SAID IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT IT SHOULD BE OTHERWISE. HE WOULD CERTAINLY MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTINUE THIS GOOD RELATIONSHIP. BOTH HE AND HIS DEPUTY GUJRAL FOUND IT STRANGE THAT INDIA THIS YEAR HAD NOT BEEN ELECTED TO THE INCB. ABROL UNDERSTANDS THAT CANADA WOULD RAISE A QUESTION

AT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING ON HOW THE BOARD COULD FUNCTION WITHOUT THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF NARCOTICS ON IT. ABROL SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE IF THE USDEL COULD GIVE HIM THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WHY INDIA, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HAD NOT BEEN ELECTED TO THE BOARD.

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